

Tim Hirst

Tim is 1st XI scorer and secretary at Honley CC and has greatly assisted this Cricket Heritage Project, passing on a variety of old documents and archive material.





HOWZAT: Dr Peter Davies (left) and Honley Cricket Club secretary Tim Hirst with the exhibition in the Allied pub in the middle of the village (1875-1-05)

Village cricket displays break new boundaries

VISITORS were bowled over by exhibitions about cricketing history held in the Holme Valley.

They were at the Allied pub in Honley, Honley Library and at the Farmer's Arms at Burnlee, Holmfirth, and in Holmfirth Library.

The exhibitions featured photos and memorabilia about cricket in the area.

The events were part of a £50,000 Heritage Lottery-funded project being carried out by Dr Peter Davies, 38, a

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history lecturer at Huddersfield University, and Rob Light, 39, who is studying at the university for a PhD in the history of 19th-century West Riding cricket.

Dr Davies said: "We have been grafting away for 12 months, digging up old documents.

"The exhibitions enabled us to put our work on show and engage with

local people about the history of cricket in the area," he added.

Mr Light said he and Dr Davies were still keen to find out more about local cricket.

He added: "We want to hear from anyone who's got an old bat or ball in their loft, or photos, scrapbooks and trophies."

Once the two-year project is over, Mr Light and Dr Davies hope to create a cricket archive for Huddersfield, focusing on the social history of the game

over the past 200 years.

They also plan to put up information plaques outside all Kirklees cricket grounds.

The pair will be co-ordinating more than 100 cricket exhibitions in West Yorkshire over the summer.

For more information about the events or the project, phone Dr Davies on 01484 473032 or visit www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk

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